



## Rayman Willard Herman

September 29, 1924 - April 25, 2017

Rayman Willard Herman, 92 of Hurricane passed away Tuesday April 25, 2017 at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

Born September 29, 1924 in Accoville, WV, he was a son of the late Michael S. Herman and Maude Fortner Herman. In addition to his parents, Rayman was also preceded in death by his brothers; Cassem, Ollie, William and Homer and sister, Ayshia Gore.

Rayman was a graduate of Logan High School and attended West Virginia University, where he studied engineering. Throughout his career, Mr. Herman owned various stores and was on the board of various banks in Logan County. In addition, he was a former Mayor of Man, WV and coal company engineer with The Pittston Company and Subsidiaries.

He was a dedicated Christian who held various positions in the following churches; Omar Community Church, Omar WV, Bruce McDonald Methodist Church, Man WV, and Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church (FBUMC), Hurricane, most recently he was named as honorary chair of the FBUMC building finance campaign. He taught many classes and disciplined countless people who are eternally grateful. His goal in life was to build the Kingdom of God.

His favorite things to do were to go to the beach, play golf, fly his airplane, give hugs and be surrounded by his happy, laughing family.

Rayman is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Evelyn Jean Caldwell Herman; their children, Fred Herman (Kathy) of Gaithersburg, MD, Pam Stollings (Ernie) of Ona, Debi Herbert (Keith) of Huntington, Sandy Bailey (Rick) of Chapmanville and Dr. Jim Herman (Kim) of Hurricane; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 10:00am Friday April 28, 2017 at Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church, Hurricane with the Rev. Dr. Ellis Conley, Bishop Tom Bickerton, and Rev. Jeremy Daniels officiating. Burial will follow in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Pecks Mill.

Visitation will be held from 6-8pm Thursday at the church.

The family is thankful for the above and beyond care he has received at CAMC Teays Valley, Cabell Health Care Center, Culloden and Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston.

In lieu of flowers, donations are encouraged to FBUMC Building Fund or HospiceCare (envelopes will be available at the church).

Share memories with the family on Rayman's tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com)

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located at 3941 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane is honored to serve the Herman family.

# Cemetery Details

## Forest Lawn Cemetery

169 Forest Lawn Cemetery Road  
Pecks Mill, WV 25547

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church  
2848 Putnam Avenue  
Hurricane, WV 25526

## Funeral Service

APR 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Forrest Burdette United Methodist Church  
2848 Putnam Avenue  
Hurricane, WV 25526

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rayman Willard Herman*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *We will miss you Mr Herman. Our street won't be the same without you. It was always such a joy to see you and you always greeted us with a smile and a hug. Until we meet again dear friend.*

*Love,  
Caitlin, Steven, Campbell and Sylvie*

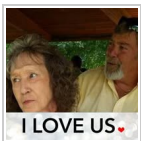
Caitlin Campbell - April 27, 2017 at 09:13 PM



“ *We did not know Rayman personally but know Debi and Keith and truly want to share our condolences to both them and the Herman family. Our prayers are with you at this time and in the coming days.*

*Randy (Eugene) and Pat MARRS*

Patricia MARRS - April 27, 2017 at 07:31 PM



“ *Wilma Stanley lit a candle in memory of  
Rayman Willard Herman*



Wilma Stanley - April 27, 2017 at 03:40 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rayman Willard Herman.*



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April 27, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *The Herman family will always be in my childhood memories. We lived across the street from them during my grade school years and I played at their house many times. I especially remember the time Mr. Herman took a bunch of us neighborhood kids to his Loredo store, gave us candy and let us ride the dumbwaiter. That was a big deal to us. He was always friendly and smiling. My condolences to The entire family.*

*Connie Blankenship Toler*

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**Connie Blankenship Toler** - April 27, 2017 at 02:45 PM



“ *Charles Cook Family, Clarksville, TN purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rayman Willard Herman.*



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**Charles Cook Family, Clarksville, TN** - April 27, 2017 at 01:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rayman Willard Herman.*



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April 27, 2017 at 09:42 AM



“ *Cannot say enough about my good, good friend...my neighbor and my mentor. I had, and have, such respect for this man. I knew Rayman for many years before we became neighbors in Teays Valley. We shared the love of golf...playing the game and traveling to PGA tournaments. What great times they were.*

*Rayman was a dynamic and faithful Christian. I learned so much from him as he led me ...and many more...through the journey. What a blessing. He set an example to be followed and always remembered.*

*In his struggle with illness, his strength and faith were so evident. Even then he would like to share our conversations about family, coal mining, flying, golf and more importantly the journey of faith.*

*Rayman Herman. What a man. What a blessing.  
Miss 'ya Poppy.*

*Jim Campbell*

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**Jim Campbell** - April 27, 2017 at 08:35 AM

CC

“ Condolences to the family and especially to Jean. Rayman was an outstanding example to those of us who grew up in Omar, WV. I never heard him speak an unkind word. He was always there for us kids offering guidance and assistance. Our families have remained connected, though from a distance, for all these years. He will be truly missed.

*The Charles Cook family.*

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**Charles Cook** - April 26, 2017 at 09:55 PM

FB

“ The first time I met Rayman was when the family opened Herman's Grocery store in Earling. My dad and mom were Raymond & Phyllis Elliott and lived in Earling. I will always remember Rayman's smile and how he made everyone feel special with that smile. I married Tracey Browning, Jr. and moved to Cow Creek and became acquainted with Mrs. Caldwell and would see Rayman occasionally in Omar. I am so sorry for your loss and am sending up prayers for the family.

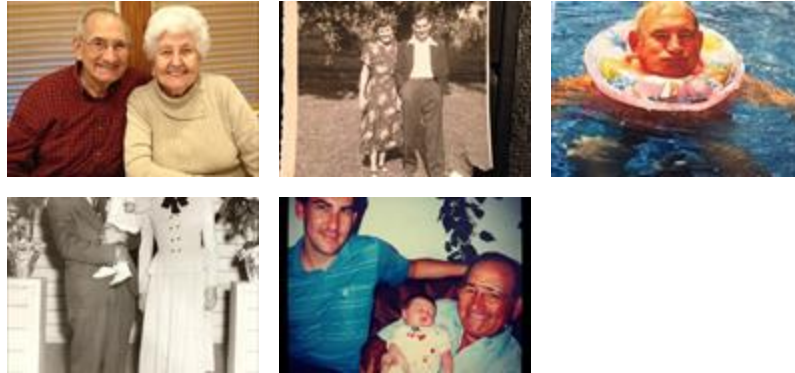
*Frances Elliott Browning*

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**Frances Elliott Browning** - April 26, 2017 at 09:49 PM

JH

“ 13 files added to the album Rayman Herman



Jim Herman - April 26, 2017 at 09:13 PM

RP

*Loved seeing the photos shared of Poppy Herman...especially the younger days of he and Jean. Beautiful couple then and always were. What beautiful memories for the family to hold on to.*

Rose-Ann Prince - April 27, 2017 at 08:10 AM

KB

“ Karen And Butch lit a candle in memory of Rayman Willard Herman



Karen and Butch - April 26, 2017 at 08:45 PM

JS

“ While student teaching under Debi and for years after, I had the pleasure of getting to occasionally be around her whole family, including her dad. He had a way of making me feel like part of the family at a time I needed it most. He was an amazingly caring man that I have such fond memories of. Much love to the entire family.

Jessica Schullek - April 26, 2017 at 08:31 PM

SE

“ Rusty and I have alot of memories of Poppy Herman, I remember his hugs, they were the best. I also remember years ago while working for his son Dr. Jim Herman, Poppy would pop in to fix whatever needed fixing. One time he came in and we were not busy and he and I chatted about so many different topics, Omar, Logan, the flood and the Lord. He loved the Lord and it showed in every smile upon his face. He loved Rusty's dad and mom so much and he would always love to talk to his golf buddy Rusty. We loved him and will miss see so much. Love to all. Shay and Rusty

Shala Ellis - April 26, 2017 at 04:13 PM

TJ

“ The Perry's-Kathy, Vince, Natalie, Tyler & Josiah purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rayman Willard Herman.



The Perry's-Kathy, Vince, Natalie, Tyler & Josiah - April 26, 2017 at 02:59 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Rayman Willard Herman.



April 26, 2017 at 10:14 AM